

May 7, 1990 to Unstarred Question No.7677 and state:

(a) the names of universities in Bihar which have implemented the academic calendar fixed by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) the steps being taken to ensure teaching for minimum 180 days in a year, teaching upto minimum 4 hrs. on each academic day, ban on private tuition, time-bound academic session and exam results?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):

(a) According to the information furnished by UGC, while Magadh University has agreed to adopt the model academic calendar circulated by the Commission, other Universities in Bihar have not furnished any information in this regard.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Bihar, the State Government has issued instructions to all Universities in Bihar that the UGC stipulation of 180 teaching days in an academic year should be strictly adhered to. The State Government is also considering a proposal to declare one or two academic years as non vacation years to clear the backlog of examinations. The UGC is pursuing the matter with the Universities to implement the Academic Calendar.

UGC has formulated a code of professional ethics which has been circulated to all the universities and colleges. The code provides that teachers should refrain from undertaking any other employment and commitment including private tuitions and coaching classes which are likely to interfere with their professional responsibilities. UGC has also circulated guidelines to the Universities and Colleges prescribing minimum workload for teachers. It is for the Universities and Colleges and teachers themselves

to ensure that the code of professional ethics and UGC guidelines on minimum workload are followed.

[English]

**Nav Nalanda Research Institute,
Bihar**

2997. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to take over the Nav Nalanda Research Institute in Bihar or to extend financial assistance for revamping it; and

(b) if not, by what time a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sr. Modalities are being worked out to take over the Nav Nalanda Mahavihara in consultation with Bihar Government.

(b) Does not arise.

National Conservation Strategy

2998. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

the follow up action on the report of the Core Committee set up by the Government to recommend the framework for formulating a National Conservation Strategy.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The report of the Core Committee to recommend the framework for formulating the National Conservation Strategy was widely circulated among the Central and State Government